

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of updating business control data, comprising the steps of:

developing a model of business rules spanning a plurality of applications and said model having a data structure including a dissemination structure;

building said rules into a common database using a common data administration application;

entering business control data into said common database using said common data administration application; and

disseminating to said plurality of applications, respective portions of said business control data according to said business rules dissemination structure.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said rules are built to define a dissemination structure further comprising coding additional rules different from said business rules as program logic, into said common data administration application to assist in said entering said business control data into said common database.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said structure has a plurality of instances of said common database.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said plurality of instances run on a corresponding plurality of servers located in corresponding geographical locations.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said geographical locations are in disparate continents.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said business control data is entered into said common database using a common data administration application.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said common data administration application is adapted to receive input from logged on individuals and from an automated feed from a source system.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of entering additional rules into said common data administration application.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said business control data is entered into said common database according to said additional rules.

Please cancel claims 10-19 without prejudice.

Claims 10-19. (Cancelled)